

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claim 14 has been canceled, rendering all rejections of that claim moot.

Claim 13 has been amended to overcome the §112, second paragraph rejection.

Claims 8-11, 13 and 14 were rejected as allegedly obvious over EP '651, and claims 12 and 14 were rejected as allegedly obvious over EP '561 in view of EP '530. Applicants respectfully traverse.

The barium sulfate prepared for the claimed use is made by a method which differs from the one described in EP '651 by different pH values of the reaction solution and by the controllable adjustment, not provided in the present invention, of the concentration content of unrelated ions to values from 0.00001 to 0.005 mol/l. With the limitation of the pH value to 1 to 5 according to the invention, the sought-after technical effects of the barium sulfate particles for the anticipated use as fillers are attained in the preferred manner.

The barium sulfate described in EP '651 is used exclusively for cosmetic purposes. A suggestion to use this barium sulfate also as filler for the purposes stated in the new claims is not found in EP '651. In fact, there are no references of any kind in EP '651 of the advantages which the use according to the invention entails.

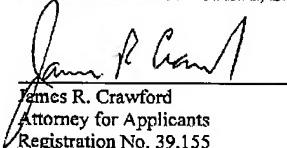
EP '530 describes the precipitating of a coprecipitate. In it,  $\text{BaSO}_4$  is precipitated out together with additional anions which form poorly soluble compounds with Ba. These additional anions can be, for example, organic compounds from the group of the alkyl and aryl sulfonates

or inorganic compounds from the group of the thiosulfates, silicates, fluorides, fluorosilicates, monofluorophosphates or tungstates. The present application has nothing to do with the common precipitation of B<sup>2+</sup> with SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> and simultaneously with additional ions. EP '530 provides no hint of any kind of the technical teaching of the present application.

If any fees are due for entry of this amendment, authorization is given to charge deposit account no: 50-0624.

Respectfully submitted,

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